Loss of foodgrains in storage and transportation

1453. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of foodgrains loss due to faulty storage and while in transit and what is the value of such loss of foodgrains for the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what are the steps that Government have taken to minimise this loss;

(c) whether any committee was appointed to look into the matter;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) whether the said committee has since submitted its report to Government and if so, what are the main recommendations and suggestions of the committee; and

(f) what is Government's reaction on the recommendations and suggestions of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The losses of foodgrains are accounted under two heads viz. (i) storage and (ii) transit including voyage. The losses incurred by the Corporation for the last three years are as under:—

(*Qty. lakh MT*)

Year	Total Purchase & Sales	Total loss.	Value Rs. Crores	% of loss.
1983-84	319.00	6.74	140.70	2.11
1984-85	295.14	5.72	122.76	1.94
1985-86	368.40	5.95	136.12	1.62
	982.54	18 41	399.58	

The account for the year 1986-87 are under finalisation.

(b) The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps to reduce the losses such as enforcing 100% weighment at the handling points of foodgrains to the extent possible, additional installation of weighbridges, stricter quality control at the time of purchase, better preservation, reduction in quantum of filling, machine stitching, effective supervision, surprise checks and construction/hiring of additional storage capacity.

(c) No committee was set up exclusively for this purpose.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

World Bank loan for Operation Flood Projects

1454. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of loan received from the World Bank so far for Operation Flood I and Operation Flood II projects;